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WEATHER BULLETINL

ensuros. April 21.—For lower on: Local showers, probably erstorms in the morning; souther, shifting to westerly, winde; y cooler in the southwestern

SECRECY VS. PUBLICITY When the charter amendments' oxe mittee prepared the plan for making the senior aldermen members ex-officio of the board of supervisors great secrecy was enjoined upon all concerned lest knowledge of the scheme would arouse greater hostility on the part of country members of the legislature. The great secrecy was maintained and the country members have knocked the scheme into a cocked hat. Now the query arises, would it not have been better to discuss the merits of the plan? No votes were obtained by silence and certainly none could have been lost by a fearless agitation in advocacy of the proposed amend-

The merits of the proposition are convingingly reasonable no fairminded member would have refused to admit their weight. Under the present law the city pays sixty five one-hundreths of the taxes, and has a one-third representation in the board. Such a disparity is manifestly unjust. It gives the townships power to saddle on to the city unequalized taxation, and the city is without redress. The proposed amendment provides for an equal representation based on a payment of nearly two-thirds of the taxes. If the injustice of the present system had been thoroughly iscussed the justice of the amendment efeated yesterday by the country members would have appealed to their sense of equity and fairness

DETROITS SENSATION.

Detroit is in the threes of a bood sensation. In the meeting of the com-mon council Tuesday night Mayor Pingree flashed a roll of bills containing \$200, and declared that it represented the attempt of an electric light company's agent to bribe an alderman. There was not a great deal of surprise created in the council by this startling announcement. Detroit aldermen are

It appears that the Detroit Electric Lighting company is anxious to defeat the plan of the city to and operate a municipal lighting plant. The legislature ciment conferred necessary authority to do so. The city, by a vote of the electors, decided to adopt the plan. Then a cunningly devised resolution was passed by the conneil, the intent of shich was to defeat the expressed will of the people. Mayor Pingree vetoed the resolutoin.

To override the mayor's veto and thus defeat the plan of city ownership, the Electric Lighting company, through its agents, attempted a wholesale purchase of aldermanic votes. The mayor detected evidences of this attempt, and through Alderman Protiva cleverly entrapped William H. Fitzgerald, who paid \$200 on a purchase price of \$1,000, for Protiva's vote. The particulars of this bribe were laid before the council. Fitzgerald was arrested and committed to jail. An investigation has been ordered, and the officers of the law are alert in the effort to run down and punish every man tainted with boodleism.

Whatever the outcome may be, it is pretty well demonstrated that Mayor Pingree is a "holy terror" to official cor-ruptionists. By his fearless and independent manner of conducting business has created numerous sensations, but when the excitement clears away he is found to be calm, self possessed and on the right side. The people are with him, for it is the people's interest he pro-Sects with great force and enthusiasm.

WILL SIGN THE BILL.

Mr. Burt to a more esinine chump in defeat than he was in his lones me epposition to the world's fair appropriation measure. It is reported from Lansing that he thrashes about like a chinoreros in a canary bird cage in a vain attempt to recall the appropriation held Some thirty five members of the house,

it is reported, have signed a petition praying the governor to withhold his cienature from a bill passed by a deliberate majority. Burt is wildly campant He denounces everything and every buly. He flaunts an ancient letter written by an obstreperous feilow who was discharged from the world's fair building work for all 'round measuress and incompetency. He shricks that the board of managers, of which Governor Rich w | So long as there is the slightest possibila member, is corrupt and renal.

Mr. Burt is an ass; not a picturesque one either. He is besten to a standstill of it. All the neise he is now making United States minister to the court of

magnifies the hypersity of his opposi-tion. He must have "slipped a ong" if he thinks the governor will diagons the whole state of Michigan to help him gratify his saidsh personal pique. Governor Rich will sign the hill not-withstanding the classer made by the said contents and chaprinos Burt clique. It passed a regulationa legislature on its merits by the votes of intelligent mea-hers of both parties. Governor Rich will not be hirely to be influenced by a dem-sernt faction of personal detractors. errat faction of personal detractors Nothing would be more likely to induce him to affix his signature than the holy show the enraged sensior from Seginaw to making of himself.

MONTON'S PAULT.

Owing to the inexperience of Mr. Mor-ton who recently succeeded Jerry Rusk as chief captain of the weather depart-ment, Grand Rapids is compelled to apologise to the Oddfallows for yesterday's beauty descent of rain. It was no fair shake for Grand Rapids, and Mr. Morton may not expect to be very popular here, as he is not very popular in Chicago where he has permitted it to rain every bloomed day of the month.

The visitors to the city were taken in out of the wet, however, and made to feel that Grand Rapids is about the best town in the world for damp enthusiase The bands tried to drown the torrents that intermittently fell, but the rain declined to be drowned by wind music. The more enthusiastic Oddfellows formed into procession to parade the streets in defiance to the elements They paraded. They might have made it a swimming match. But this sort of greeting on the part of the weather is altogether a breach of our record and the visitors will confer a special favor by coming here next year when Mr. Morton will have better control of "Jupe"

Yesterday's celebration of the seventy fourth anniversary of the birth of Odd fellowship was a wet success. Dry successes are never popularly enjoyed. In spite of the measly weather the delegates extracted solid comfort from the iterary parts of the program and made the most of opportunities for fraternal exchanges of fellowship. The local odges did their utmost to make the visitors feel at home, and naturally desire to bave the visit repeated, when the city will redeem its reputation as the best convention city in Michigan.

SEVENTY-FIVE survivors of the famou 306" held a reunion in Philadelphia Tuesday night. These were the dele gates who in the republican convention stood lovally by Grant, ballot after ballot, and voted for him until Garfield was nominated. It was a gallant old guard and it made a gallant fight. It would be interesting to know what the changes in history would have been had the "306" won the day and nominated the candidate who "hailed from Appomatox." Perhaps the "man of destiny" would never have been unearthed, and it possible that a financier would now be paging the treasury.

Faw republicans have any love for the man who changes his politics for the purpose of rotaining or getting an office. The action of Postmaster General Bissell in notifying S. J. Watt, postmaster at Columbus, Georgia, who was originally appointed as a democrat by Mr. Cleveland during his first administration, re appointed four years ago by General Harrison as a republican, and is now sseking another reappointment as a democrat, that he would be removed as soon as his successor was selected, gives general satisfaction.

REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP has taken a firm hold on the leadership of the majority in the house. He should be given every encouragement by his colleagues. The house has greatly needed a man with the confidence and ability to steer it clear of the breakers into which it has been piloted by inexperienced members. If he shall be supported by the republican members the balance of the session will be free from the painful breaks which marked the earlier pro-

PROF. HENRY C. ADAMS will deliver his lecture on "Railroads in The United States" in the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A. building this evening. His lectures are of great practical benefit to all and he ought to be welcomed by a large and intelligent audience. There is no counter attraction possessing an iota of intellectual merit and if the friends to education and civilization shall permit him to talk to empty benches he will be justified in estimating our appreciativepees at a low ebb.

From the case and facility with which Mr. Scrippe' little paper denounces honest business men, calling them thieves, one would think it estimated all men as being on its own level. Something has hurt Mr. Scrippe' little paper hurt it awfully. Mr. Scripps ought to send somebody up from Detroit to apply baim to its incerated parts and at the same time shrink a hand around the head of its business manager,

CHAIRMAN EMMONS exercised excellent judgment in placing new men at the head of standing committees of the board of supervisors. Old members who have held chairmanships for years are apt to get into ruts and to rely upon extra compensation as a sort of pension for the good they might have done. The new committees are thoroughly repre-

Ir is more than possible that Carlyle Harsis will yet escape the executioner's chair. Additional evidence has brought out the fact that the the dead woman was addicted to the use of morphine. ity of seidence the condemned man should receive the benefit of the doubt.

Rosent T. Liscota, the retiring

Bt. James, will esil for home May 6. It is expected that Tomasio Bayard will have decided by that time whether he reght to wear a claw-hammer cost or a

Demonstrate the unspenhable Turk" has experienced a change of heart. The sultan has promised to make reparation for the maltreatment of Christians at Marsonna. It is possible that the time is coming when an American may travel through Turkey without fear of being robbed or imprisoned.

WHEN the Earl and Countees Craven reached Cleveland yesterday they had eleven trunks, an English valet and a men servant among their resources. But this is only their brida tour, and they did not care to be cumbered with very much beggere.

CLAUS SPRECKLES is said to be one a syndicate that has purchased one of the largest plantations in Mexico. The Detroit Tribune will probably consider this an unanswerable reason for annexing that country.

EUGENE DEES of Terre Haute is said to be the coming labor leader. Unless Mr. Debs shall prove more successful than Powderly and Arthur, the greates service he can render the workingmen

Mr. RARRWOLTH has evidently lost his head. No wise statesman would go on record as opposed to everything. Pos-sibly he thinks his constant objections invite the newspapers to print his name.

THERE will be 200 mummles exhibit tion at the world's fair. Michigan legislaters who voted against the appropriation bill will have a delightful time exchanging reminiscences with them.

CARL SCHUBS delivered a speech be fore the National Civil Service Reform league, Tuesday night. Axman Maxwell is still working overtime and Sundays just the same.

ment in being a member of the Illinois legislature. One man was hit by a flying ink stand yesterday and another's nose was pulled. INITIATORY steps have been taken to

sbolish Delaware's state militia. Delaware must intend to import her colonel from Kentucky, hereafter. Ir cost the mayor of Topeka, Kansus

\$44.00 for campaign expenses. Elections in Kansas are almost chesp enough to be lumped off in job lots.

SENATOR BURT ought to have a little tin whistle. No baby is happy without

THEATRICAL TOPICS.

Charles H. Yale's "New Devil's Auction" will be presented in the Powers' tonight by his great company composed tonight by his great company composed of carefully selected actors, actresses, premiere, secundos, coryphese, pantomimists, acrobats, contertionists, terpsachorean stars and refined vaudsville artists. This piece, critics say, is notably original and novel. It teems with new ideas, it is replete with oddities and contains not one dull or tiresome moment. Its funny situations furnish a laugh for every minute the piece runs, from the rise to the fall of the curtain. In the first act not a little merriment is furnished by the "grass widows." This is a shit on the "bashful widows." Five acrobats dress in crinolines and sing a tale of wos to the ta-ra-ra-boom-de-aye crase. In the second act, in a pantomimic interlude, Mason and Ruge present a positive novelty. Mr. Mason ties
Mr. Ruge in a sheet in a seemingly impossible small bundle and then locks him in a box. The lid is hardly slammed down when Mr. Ruge appears at the him in a box. The lid is hardly slammed down when Mr. Ruge appears at the opposite side of the stage. Mr. Mason as "Toby" opens the box in consternation, when out jumps Mr. Edward Snow, the noted pantomimist, made up as a gigantic poodle dog. In the third act the Lorellas appear in "follies on blanc et nois," a conceit in black art which is at once startling and comical. They apparently decapitate one of their They apparently decapitate one of their number in full view of the audience. The severed head laughs, sings, shouts and smokes as if nothing had happened.

Speaking of Charles A. Gardner, who will appear in his new German comedy, "Fatherland," in The Powers' Saturday "Fatherland," in The Fowers Saturday afternoon and evening, the Detroit Free Press says: "Charles A. Gardner began his engagement at the Detroit opera house in his play "Fatherland" (written by Sidney R. Ellis), to a large and well-pleased audience. Mr. Gardner is a German dialect comedian of decided merit. He has an agreeable presence and a handsome face, and he gives a clever portrayal of the sunny-tempered, good hearted German. His singing too s an important aid to his powers of pleasing. He possesses a sweetly musical voice, which he uses to good ad-vantage and his songs are pretty and

The lecture to be given at the Fountain Street baptist church tomorrow evening by Prof. Lorado Taft, the great art lecturer, is attracting a great deal of attention in art and literary circles. Mr. Taft says that the "Columbian exposition has done more for art and architecture than any twenty years of time has done in this country."

"Oh, What a Night," continues to draw to The Grand large and demonstrative audiences. The skit is obese with hilarious fun and obese auditors are made to complain of the insecurity of their vest buttons. Matinee today.

The Pardo family continues to fill Smith's pretty opera house at each per-formance. The olio has been strength ened by several new additions and the show is one of the really first-class at-tractions of Manager Smith's season.



The Cild Wife-Have you induced you husband to give up eigarette smeking

The Young Wife-Oh, my, yes. He only fahales them now, We compressed

Special Session of the Board of Supervisors Closed.

esture in Chausing His Com-

day and closed the business of the extra session. The important business of the session. The important business of the day was the appointment of the stand-ing committees. One of the noticeable points in the appointments is the fact that Supervisor Benjamin, who has been at the head of some of the most im-portant committees for years, was left

Prosecuting Attorney Welcott appeared before the board and stated that he thought a claim of Jackson county for the support of a patient in the asylum was good, and should be paid. The bill was referred to the superintendents of the poor.

The prosecuting attorney spoke of the expense of preparing cases for the supreme court. Formerly the state paid the expense, but by a law passed in 1891 the county must stand the expense. Mr. Welcott wished to know if his bills for the extra services would be paid. Referred to the committee on finance.

The committee appointed to canvass the vote on jail improvement reported that there were 11.425 votes cast, of which 7.073 were yea and 4.252 were nay. Adopted.

The committee on fees in the register's office recommended that the register follow the fees fixed by law. It has been the custom to make a difference

been the custom to make a difference between long and short form deeds and mortgages. The committee also recommended that the register procure printed cards containing the scale of prices per folio for recording papers and place them in conspicuous places about the office. Adopted.

Mr. Leppink offered the following resolutions on the death of Arthur Wood:

olutions on the death of Arthur Wood:
Whereas, Arthur Wood, now deceased, was
a member of the board of supervisors from
1869 to 1874; and,
Whereas, His death occurred during the
session of the board; therefore,
Resolved, That the board attend his funeral in a body, from his residence, corner
of Ellsworth avenue and Williams street, at
2 o'clock Thursday; and, be it further
Resolved, That the chairman of the board
appoint a committee to draft resolutions on
the death of Mr. Wood, The chair appointed Mesers. Loomis Leppink and Frost.

Standing Committees.

The special committee on revision rules reported that it had not complet its work, and asked for further time. The committee on equalization was increased to seven members.

The report of the committee on buildings as reported yesterday was adopted. The chair announced the following

Finance—Proctor, Hyde, Hogadone,
Public Buildings—Coguhali, Lathrop,
Lappink, Hodges, Bergin.
Equalization—Loomis, Gill, Behermerhorn, Febrenfeld, Benjamin, Colson,
Jones, Kinney, Rosenburg, Havens.
Claims—Holben, Hills, Ladner, Kel-

ley, O'Leary.

Justice and Sheriff's Bills—Griswold,
Montgomery, Peterson, McArthur, Rejected Taxes -- Colson, Roberts,

Roads and Bridges Warner, Smith, Havens, Benjamin, O'Leary, Members' Pay-Frost, Colson, Linde mulder. Draine Kinney, Roberts, Ladner.

The committee on members' pay made a report, which was adopted.

The chairman announced the following committee on jail improvement: Fremont E. Skeels, C. H. Smith, M. J. Ulrich, J. A. Smits and C. N. Hyde. Reported Resolutions. The committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Arthur Wood reported the following, which was adopted:

adopted:

Whereas, This board learned with sorrow of the death of Arthur Wood of this city, a former member and at one time chairman of this board; now, therefore,

Resolved, That we place on record our appreciation of his public service for several years as a member of this board, in the important and intelligent service rendered by him in the improvement of some of our county buildings, faithfully performing the work assigned him by his fellow citizens. As a business man, he was public spirited, and as a man be laid won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. While he had not reached the three-scope years and ten, yet he had lived long enough to mark the impress of his upright life and character upon the community of which he was an honored member.

"Man lives in deeds, not words, In thoughts, not breaths. He lives most who thinks most, Feels the noblest, acts the best. Life's but a means unto an end.

Resolved, That the clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of the de-

claim of Fred Her for \$8 for killing a Chairman Emmons' Appointments.

"Yes, there are some to whom my committee appointments are not entirely satisfactory, said N. D. Emmons, the new chairman of the board of supervisors, yesterday. "It is better, however, to have one or two dissentiafied than to have seven eighths of the board feeling seve. We have members of ex-cellent stality on the board who have not had the opportunity to act upon important committee work. I believed it my duty to give them a chance espe-cially in the building line. One com-mittee had charge of the court house. another the poorhouse and another the general charge of public buildings. They all did well, and now I want to give others a chance to build the jail Some of the supervisors who were on former building committees told me that by all means I should not put them open the jail building committee, but others have made remarks showing disentisfaction. Mr. Skeels for instance. did not desire the place as chairmon of the jail committee, but I regard him as the most practical man to look after that work that I could have selected."

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

An Eaton county man recently re-ceived a notice from Washington that he could have his petalion increased if he select for it. He replied that he was receiving \$12 per month, which he considered all he deserved. He will not allow his name to be used, which is to be regretted, as it is the first case of the kind ever known. Jackson Patriot.

Of course the duke of Veragua will fully understand that the bosons ten-dered him in this country would be the

The franchise in Belgium is apparently in a fair way to become more liberal than in Rande Island.—Proviience Journal.

There will be a high old time in Constantinople when the sultan borrows Judge Terrell's mule for a ride.—Fort Worth Gamette.

Apparently nature thinks that Kansas needs cyclones to blow away the odor left by the populists.—Buffalo Express. The inflating power of gas is especially noticeable in the price charged for it.—Detroit Free Press.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

The Rev. Hiram Brigham, who for thirty-four years has been laboring among the Gilbert islanders, had the estimation recently of seeing the printing of a Bible in the language of the Gilbert islanders in the composing and press-rooms of the American Bible society. He began the translation of the Bible for the benefit of the people in 1850.

A California congressman was vainly importuning Postmaster General Bissell to remove a postmaster in the golden state, and finally asked in an irritated manner what he could do to show the man's unfitness for the place. "Why," said Mr. Bissell, with a broad smile, "I might remove him if you could prove that he was too loyal a republican to make up the democrat mail."

Congressman Cockrell of Texas was wounded in a fight during the war of the rebellion. Recently he had trouble with his throat, and being operated upon by his doctor was easily relieved of a minie bullet which had worked its way upward from the original wound.

James F. Meline, assistant treasurer of the United States, many years ago wrote and published one of the most charming histories of Marie Stuart that is to be found in the vast accumulation of literature relating to that lovely and unfortunate woman.

H. E. Stone, the newly elected treasurer of the township of Clayton, Genesee county, has received the township funds from the hands of his predecessor. They include a \$3-bill issued in 1853 by the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad bank

One of the brightest members of the graduating class of the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania is John J. France, a native African, born in Liberia twenty-five years ago.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY. He-Well, what have you here? She-Two of your old letters, my

He-Umph! What's the first one that forty-pager?

She—One you sent me when I had a slight cold before we were married. This half page is the one you wrote last winter when I was nearly dead with the grip. That's all, dear.—Truth.

Ted-He proposed last night, and she

refused him.

Ned-Did he tell you?

Ted-No.

Ned-Then how do you know?

Ted-I passed the house when he was bidding her good night, and he said it only once.—New York Sun.

"Is your boy learning a trade?" asked the traveler of the farmer. "Mister, have you got a horse?" "Yea." "Well, you bring him aroun' ter my boy fur a swap, an' ye'll find that he hain't got much to learn about no trade."—Wash-

ington Star. "I made a bad break in my sermon yesterday," seid the village pastor. "What was it?" asked the editor. "Well, I said that many are called but

few are chosen, and every member of my congregation is a candidate for the postoffice."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Was the charity ball a success?"
"Oh, my, yes. The deficit was only \$10 and the charity society will have to pay it."—Isrocklyn Lafe. Queer isn't it? The man with a cool

million gets a warm reception whereve he goes. Buffalo Courier.



Nervous Old Party-Will be ber

Mosroe J. Q. Look, Lowell; T. A. Millett, Plint; G. B. Caldwell, Lancing: Frank J. Covell, Whitehall; W. T. Misslogel, Muskagon; H. B. Hudson,

Kelly, Mus

Krirr-John Galster, Boyne Palla; B. Garner and wife, Harbor Springs; H. Rudell, Detroit; J. J. Miller, Beat Harbor; William Morris, Downgisc. CLAMBEDON-William Olney, Verson; S. B. Cutler, Cadillac; T. H. Whitney, Wayland; Charles E. Whitney, Plain-well; C. C. Smith, Lakeview.

BRIDGE STREET J. D. Guy, Nash ville; W. R. Foulkes, Saranac; T. E. Slater, Cooperaville; J. E. Lewis, Hos-peris; Mrs. L. C. Bradford, Holland; R. Hannes, Codilland;



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